(a) whether any target and criterion has been fixed for making job cards under the National Rural Employment Guarantee scheme;

(b) if so, the number of job cards issued so far under this scheme in various districts in Uttarakhand; and

(c) the average number of days for which employment has been provided on job cards in this State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) No, Sir. NREGA is demand driven. All households in a rural area whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work have to apply for registration to the local Gram Panchayat in writing or orally. The Gram Panchayat, after due verification issue a Job card to the household as a whole.

(b) and (c) In the first phase, NREGA was applicable in 3 districts of Uttarakhand namely Chamoli, Champawat and Tehri Garhwal. It was extended to 2 more districts, *viz.* Udham Singh Nagar and Haridwar during 2007-08. District-wise number of job cards issued and the average number of days for which employment has been provided during the years 2006-07 and 2007-08 (upto January, 2008) are given in the enclosed statement.

Statement

District-wise member of job cards issued and the average number of days of employment provided during 2006-07 *and* 2007-08 *(upto January,* 2008*)*

Sl. No.	Name of District	No. of Job Cards issued in 2006-07	Average No. of days of employment provided in 2006-07	No. of Job Cards issued in 2007-08	Average No of days of employment provided in 2007-08
1.	Chamoli	57835	36.8	61409	29.8
2.	Champawat	32212	22.2	32212	30.7
3.	Tehri Garwal	109189	27.4	109191	39
4.	Udham Singh Nagar			58388	20.8
5.	Haridwar			58068	27.9

Launching of NREGS in Tamil Nadu

1375. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Rural Employment Guarantee scheme has been launched in all the districts of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total allocation of funds transferred to the State of Tamil Nadu till now?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. NREGA was launched in 6 districts of Tamil Nadu in the first phase with effect from 2.2.2006 and was extended to 4 more districts with effect from 1.4.2007. All the remaining districts of the State have been notified for coverage under the Act in the third phase with effect from 1.4.2008.

(c) A sum of Rs. 184.09 crore was released to the State during the year 2006-07 and Rs. 516.09 crore have been released to the State so far during the current year.